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SENATE BILL 16-018

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(None),

Senate Committees
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House Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION ON A SLOW-MOVING MOTOR VEHICLE**

102 **IMPEDING HIGHWAY TRAFFIC.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)

The bill prohibits a person driving a motor vehicle from impeding the flow of more than 5 motor vehicles following immediately behind. An impeder must drive in the right-hand lane or pull off the road where it is safe and legal to do so and let the others pass.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 42-4-1103, **amend**

3 (1) and (3) introductory portion as follows:

4 **42-4-1103. Minimum speed regulation.** (1) ~~No person shall~~
5 ~~drive a motor vehicle on any highway at such a slow speed as to impede~~
6 ~~or block the normal and reasonable forward movement of traffic. Except~~
7 when a reduced speed is necessary for safe operation of ~~such~~ THE MOTOR
8 vehicle or in compliance with law, A PERSON SHALL NOT DRIVE A MOTOR
9 VEHICLE ON A HIGHWAY AT SUCH A SLOW SPEED AS TO IMPEDE OR BLOCK
10 THE NORMAL AND REASONABLE FORWARD MOVEMENT OF:

11 (a) TRAFFIC; OR

12 (b) FIVE OR MORE MOTOR VEHICLES FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY
13 BEHIND.

14 (3) Notwithstanding any minimum speed that may be authorized
15 and OR posted pursuant to this section, if any person drives a motor
16 vehicle on a highway outside an incorporated area or on any
17 controlled-access highway at a speed less than the normal and reasonable
18 speed of traffic under the conditions then and there existing and by so
19 driving at such slower speed impedes or retards the normal and
20 reasonable movement of vehicular traffic following immediately behind,
21 then such IN VIOLATION OF SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION, THE driver
22 shall:

23 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date -**

24 **applicability.** (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
25 the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
26 general assembly (August 10, 2016, if adjournment sine die is on May 11,
27 2016); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1

1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
2 or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
3 will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
4 to be held in November 2016 and, in such case, will take effect on the
5 date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

6 (2) This act applies to offenses committed on or after the
7 applicable effective date of this act.